

I understand that Sinclair Broadcasting has made the decision to force their 62 stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. I believe this is an abuse of media consolidation and an example of why media ownership should be made more competitive and less monopolistic.

Sinclair is obligated by law as a provider of free licensed broadcast services to serve the public interest. Nothing is wrong with pursuing a profit, but it must be done in a reasonable and responsible fashion, recognizing it's corporate obligation to provide balance presentation of political views that assists the working of our representative democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than an effectively automatic renewal. Thank you.